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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of National Estimates

1. May I suggest that you in fact coordinate this paper with DD/I and SAVA. They may have some suggestions.
2. For my part, I think the memorandum would be more useful if you could be a bit more explicit in defining what you mean by "longer term prospects". The element of time in the Indochinese ~~equation~~ equation looms larger than in most estimates, because of the important interrelationship between domestic patience and slow developments in the area. I am not trying to "nail" you, but I may want to send this paper to the White House and I would like to be more precise about the time frame which we are discussing.
3. I would like your revision in my hands by some time Tuesday. This should give you time for coordination as well as for a final go around in the Board.

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Richard Helms
Director

Attachment - 1
"The Situation in Indochina"